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SUBJ: SHAH AND NIMEIRI OFFER ASSIST HIM

- 1. KNOWLEDGEABLE ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR DAWIT ABDOU TOLD ME MARCH 14 THAT PRESIDENT NIMEIR SOME 10 DAYS AGO HAD RELAYED TO HIM PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE SHAH ASKING WHETHER THERE WAS ANYTHING IRAN COULD DO TO BE HELPFUL IN PRESENT ETHIOPIAN SITUATION. HIM REPLIED THROUGH NIMEIRI FEW DAYS AGO THAT HE MOST GRATEFUL SHAH'S OFFER BUT NEEDED NO ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME.
- 2. NIMEIRI IS NOW SENDING FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID TO ADDIS MARCH 14 WITH PERSONAL MESSAGE EMPHASIZING NIMEIRI'S OWN DESIRE DO WHATEVER HE CAN TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO HIM. ABDOU ASSUMED EMPEROR'S REPLY WOULD BE SIMILAR THAT PROVIDED SHAH. OTHER PURPOSE KHALID'S ADDIS TRIP BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.
- 3. COMMENT. FOLLOWING PATTERN NIMEIRI'S VATICAN INITIATIVE LAST DECEMBER ON BEHALF KING FAISAL, ABOVE SUGGESTS SHAH INTERESTED IN DEMONSTRATING THAT HE ALSO CAN MAKE USE NIMEIRI CHANNEL. FOR NIEMIRI'S PART, PRESIDENT NO DOUBT PREPARED CONTINUE BE HELPFUL ANY WEALTHY OIL PRODUCING COUNTRY WHICH LIKELY RECIPROCATE IN CONCRETE TERMS TO BOOST SUDANESE DEVELOPMENT.

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